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1. PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE JULY 26 FOR FINANCIAL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, MCA PRESIDENT TAN SIEW SIN ORDERED EXPULSION OF CENTRAL WORKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALEX LEE AND TAN TIONG HONG, TWO YOUNG REFORMERS ALLIED WITH LIM KENG YAIK WHO WAS EXPELLED LAST MONTH (REFTEL). DURING PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, MCA OLD GUARD HAS BEEN APPLYING PRESSURE ON BRANCHES AND DIVISIONS TO TOE LINE AND REJECT EFFORTS OF REFORMERS TO "DISRUPT" PARTY. REFORM GROUP HAS BEEN HAMPERED FURTHER BY COMPLETE PRESS BLACKOUT ON MCA FRACAS IMPOSED BY DEPUTY PM ISMAIL AT SIEW SIN'S REQUEST.

2. COMMENT: AT THIS JUNCTURE, IT CLEARLY APPEARS THAT SIEW SIN FORCES HAVE UPPER HAND WHILE SUPPORT FOR "YOUNG TURKS" HAS ERODED SOMEWHAT. SHOW DOWN WILL OCCUR AUG 10-11 AT ANNUAL MCA CONGRESS BUT EVEN REFORMERS ARE DISCOURAGED THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE MUCH HEADWAY IN DIMINISH-ING INFLUENCE OF CONSERVATIVE OLD GUARD. ALSO, LATEST ROUND OF EXPULSIONS INDICATES NEW CONFIDENCE BY TAN SIEW SIN,
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INCLUDING BACKING OF PM RAZAK WHO HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE

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WANTS HIM TO STAY ON AS FINANCE MINISTER AND MCA PRESIDENT
FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR.
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